(b) The details of funds released under the scheme of Vocational Training Centres to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years are as under:—

2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Nil	107.90 lac	67.50 lac

(c) There is no such proposal in the Ministry of Tribal affairs.

(d) Does not arise.

Eklavya Model Residential Schools in Andhra Pradesh

4250. SHRIMATI N.R.DURGA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Eklavya Model Residential Schools sanctioned to Andhra Pradesh during Ninth and Tenth Plan, district-wise;

(b) the aims and objectives of EMRS;

(c) the achievements of the students of EMRS from the State; and

(d) what plans does this Ministry have to improve the EMRS in the country, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R.KYNDIAH): (a) During the Ninth Plan, 6 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) , were santioned to Andhra Pradesh — one each in the district of Adilabad, Warangal, Mahaboonagar Nizamabad, Karimnager and East Godavari, and during the Tenth Plan, 2 EMRS were santioned to Andhra Pradesh — one each in the districts of Nellore and Karimnagar.

(b) The EMRSs are meant to provide quality education to scheduled Tribe (ST) students from class VI to XII, in tribal areas and facilitate their overall development.

(c) The achievements of the students of EMRS from the State of Andhra Pradesh are:

(i) 437 ST students apeared in the SSC examination and 403 ST students appeared in the intermediate examination.

(ii) Excellent results in SSC and Intermediate examination.

(iii) Entry from the Eklavya Model Residential School won an award in the 93rd Indian Science Congress.

(d) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs regularly monitors the performance of Ekiava Model Residential Schools in the various States, including Andhra Pradesh and reviews the physical an financial progress of the scheme through periodic progress reports and review meetings. The recurring grant to each Eklavya Model Residential School for 420 students has been enhanced from Rs.30.00 lakh per year to Rs. 72.50 lakh per year.

Manufacturing of export items by tribals

4251. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up an Export Development Marketing Institution Cell in every State for exporting items manufactured by tribals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R.KYNDIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The aim of the Government, through the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED) functioning under this Ministry is to develop markets (both domestic and export) for tribal products. TRIFED is already engaged in exporting items manufactured by tribals.

Scheme for welfare of forest tribals

†4252. SHRI JAIPARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes and other programmes being implemented for the welfare of the tribals living in forests, State-wise;

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